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Dear Member

MEMBERS' UPDATE – SPRING 2010

I hope you all enjoyed reading the Members' Newsletter which was sent out to you before Christmas. I thought I would write to you with some updates on articles which appeared in that edition.

1. ELECTION OF GOVERNORS

I am pleased to inform you that Alban Cassidy was elected to replace Mark Blacklock as a Public Governor for Riverside and Kevin McBride was elected to replace Lee Whitfield as Staff Governor. Pat Anthony, George Waddle and Dr. Rob Bolton were all re-elected.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Trust to thank Mark and Lee, who both stood down for personal reasons, for their enthusiasm and support to the work of the Board of Governors.

2. OPERATION THANK YOU 2009

The new look Awards event took place on 2 December 2009, at Temple Park Leisure Centre. Thank you to all those who nominated, or were nominated, attended or helped with the organisation of another successful event. This year's winners were:-

Employee of the Year
Volunteer of the Year
Team of the Year
Medical Director's Award
Heyman Scholarship
Huntleigh Healthcare
Leeds Building Society
Ward Hadaway

Rita Callender
Ron Bailey
Main Theatres
Dr. Colin Rees
Carly Zwart
Alyson Tiernan
Chris Davies/Catering.
Karen Humphreys and Nichola Lloyd

Congratulations to our worthy winners – you make us all proud!

3. ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING

The Annual Members' Meeting held on 7th December 2009 was a great success and members who attended welcomed the opportunity to have a "mini health check", including blood pressure, height and weight, blood check for diabetes, etc. In addition, information was available on the swine flu outbreak, control of infection, the NHS Counterfraud service and so on. A similar event will take place at the next AMM on 6th December 2010 – watch out for more news nearer the date!

4. EMERGENCY SERVICES UPGRADE SCHEME

I am sure those of you who have visited the hospital recently will have noticed that the work on the redesign and upgrading of the Emergency Services department, which we mentioned in the newsletter, has now started. The work will be in three main phases:-

- i. Providing a temporary entrance to the relocated A&E department and introduction of a new one way traffic system around the main Ingham Wing- *due to be completed at the end of March*
- ii. Construction of the new adult and children's A&E areas - - *due to be completed in December 2010*
- iii. Construction of the new Emergency Assessment Unit and Resuscitation area – *due to commence in January 2011 and complete in September 2011*

We would like to apologise for any disruption caused by this work but I am sure you will agree that the end result will be worth the inconvenience.

5. MEDICINE FOR MEMBERS EVENTS

Thanks to all public and staff members who have come along to our recent Medicine for Members presentations. Our next events are as follows:-

- i. **“You have severe chest pain – what happens next”?**
3.00 pm on 12th May 2010 – refreshments available from 2.30 pm

This is the first of our exciting presentations organised jointly by this Trust and North East Ambulance Service. Representatives from both organisations will tell you what they do if a person rings 999 because of severe chest pain.

- ii. **“Women’s Health” – MEET THE TEAM**
1.00 pm on 15th July 2010 – refreshments available from 12.30 pm

Our team of Consultant Obstetricians & Gynaecologists will each give a brief presentation on services they provide for women, including details of their areas of special interest.

- iii. **“Alcohol Abuse and the Effects on Your Health”**
3.00 pm on 8th September 2010 – refreshments available from 2.30 pm

Our Specialist Nurse and the Alcohol Team will tell you about the effects on your health of drinking too much alcohol.

As you know, these are free for members. If you would like to come along, please telephone our membership line on (0191) 202 4121, leave your name and address and we will send a ticket out to you.

6. MEMBERSHIP

We are always keen to increase our membership numbers. If you know anyone who would like to be a member, please let them know that they can join online at www.stft.nhs.uk or they can telephone our membership line (0191) 202 4121 and our staff will be happy to help. You must be 16 years or over and live in South Tyneside.

I hope you have found this update interesting and informative. Thank you for your continued interest and support. With very best wishes.



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